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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY -- APPROVES BUDGET, CONCLUDES
SESSION

THE GA CONCLUDED IT 30TH SESSION DEC. 17, AFTER ADOPTING A BUDGET AMOUNTING TO \$745,813,800 FOR 1976-77 BY VOTE OF 116-9-5(US), APPROVING RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE 5, AND APPOINTING 20 STATES TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENT, GA PRESIDENT THORN (LUXEMBOURG) SAID THE GA COULD NO LONGER BE CONTENT WITH THE RITUAL-ISTIC REAFFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH DID NOT BRING ABOUT SOME TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITION OF EACH CITIZEN OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES. UNLESS THE GA TRIED TO RESOLVE ITS PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATION, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE REASON TO BE SURPRISED THAT SO MANY COUNTRIES WERE NO LONGER CAREFUL ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE COMMITMENTS THEY SUBSCRIBED TO, NOR THE FULL SCOPE OF THE DEMANDS THEY SUPPORTED, AND THAT RESOLUTIONS, IN MANY CASES, WERE TREATED WITH INDIFFERENCE OR FORGOTTEN, NOT ONLY BY PUBLIC OPINION BUT BY GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES. COSLING STATEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL GROUPS AND BY AMB MOYNIHAN REPRESENTING THE HOST COUNTRY.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE FOLLOWING WERE APOIINTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE: AFGHANISTAN, CUBA, CYPRUS, GDR, GUINEA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, LAOS, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALTA, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE AND YUGOSLAVIA. HERZOG (ISRAEL) DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD IN NO WAY COOPERATE WITH THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE. ALSO CRITICIZING THE PROPOSED SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST DEBATE, HE ASSERTED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY MOVE MADE TO DESTROY THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION. HE AVOWED THAT ISRAEL WAS READY TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE OR ON A BILATERAL BASIS, BUT THE GREATEST TRAGEDY OF THIS INFAMOUS ASSEMBLY WAS THAT
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IT HAD TAKEN SUCH GIANT STEPS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CHARTER TOWARDS ELIMINATING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

PRESIDENT THORN SAID HE WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO ANNOUNCE THE COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS BUT WOULD DO SO LATER. THE WESTERN EUROPEAN

GROUP WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROPOSE A CANDIDATE FOR THE REMAINING VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UN SPECIAL FUND, AND THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL THAT THE GA AUTHORIZE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO ELECT AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER AT ITS JANUARY 1976 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION.

-- BUDGET ITEMS --

IN THE REPORT CONCERNING THE 1974-75 BUDGETS, RESOLUTION A, UNDERWHICH REVISED APPROPRIATION WOULD TOTAL \$606,033,000, WAS ADOPTED 100-10(SOVIET BLOC)-1(BENIN), AND RESOLUTION B, DECREASING INCOME ESTIMATES BY \$409,000 TO A NEW TOTAL OF \$100,110,000, WAS ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS IN PART I OF THE COMMITTEE 5 REPORT ON THE PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1976-77 (A/10500) WERE APPROVED AS FOLLOWS: RESOLUTION I, ON THE FINANCING OF EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES -- 117(ROMANIA)-9(BLOC)-0; II, ON BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION -- 117(ROMANIA)-0-11(9BLOC, BENIN, MADAGASCAR); III, CALLING FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT UN PROGRAMS -- WITHOUT OBJECTION.

WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION IV, ON PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES, ALGERIA PROPOSED AMENDING IT SO THAT THE ITEM WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE 33RD SESSION RATHER THAN THE 31ST. COLOMBIA OPPOSED IT, UPPER VOLTA SUPPORTED IT, AND BENIN ASKED THAT IT BE WITHDRAWN. ITALY, SPEAKING FOR THE EC-9, SAID THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION, NOTING CRITICISM IN THE PREAMBLE OF PUBLIC OPINION MEDIA OF CERTAIN STATES WAS HARDLY CODOCIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ELICITING A POSITIVE RESPONSE. HAUGH (US) SAID THE US WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE THE USG DID NOT SUPPORT THE PREMISE CONTAINED IN IT. THE TARNISHED IMAGE OF THE UN CONTAINED IN THE WESTERN PRESS RESULTED FROM ACCURATE REPORTING OF WHAT THE UN HAD DONE. TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF THE UN, IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE ITS ACTS WORTHY OF ESTEEM, HE STATED. THE ALGERIAN AMENDMENT WAS THEN APPROVED 26-23-77, AND THE AMENDED RESOLUTION IV WAS ADOPTED 109-1(US)-22(16 WEO'S, CHINA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, KENYA, LIBERIA, SWAZILAND).

RESOLUTION V, ON HONORARIA PAYABLE TO MEMBERS OF THREE UN BODIES -- WITHOUT OBJECTION; VI, PROVIDING FOR A PAY AND PENSION INCREASE FOR JUDGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE -- 119-11(BLOC)-0; VII, ON THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

OF THE UN -- 119-0-12(BENIN, BLOC). THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT HE WOULD DEFER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON THE UN'S FINANCIAL EMERGENCY, WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION VII.

PART I OF THE REPORT ON THE 1976-77 BUDGET CONTAINED 26 DRAFT DECISIONS, ALL OF WHICH WERE APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE EXCEPT: (H), RELATING TO A TWICE-YEARLY STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS -- 116-0-13; (I), CONCERNING THE BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF INFLATION -- 119-10(BLOC)-1(CHINA), WITH ROMANIA ABSENT; (N) (I), DECIDING THAT NORMALLY THE ITEM ON PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN "OFF-BUDGET" YEARS -- 120-9(BLOC)-1(BRAZIL); (WL, ON REVISED ASSUMPTIONS FOR INFLATION IN 1976 AND CURRENT CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES -- 119-9(BLOC)-4(BENIN, CHINA, CUBA, ROMANIA); (Z) ON DAYCARE FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN OF UN STAFF MEMBERS -- 131-0-0.

WHEN THE GA TOOK UP PART II OF THE REPORT ON THE 1976-77 PROGRAM BUDGET, ITALY SAID THE EC-9 WERE VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE BUDGET DESPITE RESERVATIONS ABOUT CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL ESTIMATES. SAFRONCHUK (USSR) COMPLAINED OF BUDGET GROWTH, OBJECTED TO INCLUSION OF AMOUNTS TO COVER INFLATION AND EXPENSES FOR ACTIVITIES CARRIED ON IN VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER (BOND ISSUE), AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE BUDGET. HAUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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REITERATED THAT THE USG WOULD NO LONGER SUPPORT THE PROGRAM OF THE DECADE TO ELIMINATE RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF THE INCLUSION OF ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM, AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE SECTION WHICH INCLUDED THAT PROGRAM. IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE BUDGET, ALSO, MATTERS OF IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE WERE INVOLVED. THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL PROPOSED A BUDGET OF SUCH MAGNITUDE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DISCLOSING THAT THE UN FINANCIAL SITUATION HAD BECOME EXTRAORDINARILY GRAVE HAD SEEMED PARADOXICAL, TO PUT IT MILDLY. THE US ALSO HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT REQUEST FOR AN EXTRA APPROPRIATION FOR EXPECTED INFLATION FOR A FULL TWO-YEAR PERIOD IN ADVANCE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE USG FOUND MANY SECTIONS OF THE BUDGET SUFFICIENTLY ACCEPTABLE THAT IT COULD EITHER VOTE FOR THEM OR ABSTAIN, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALSO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S WILLINGNESS TO SCALE DOWN HIS INFLATION ESTIMATES FOR 1976 IN THE LIGHT OF NEW FACTS, THE US DELEGATION WOULD ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST THE BUDGET AS A WHOLE, HAUGH SAID.

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\$745,813,800 -- 113-9(BLOC)-5(BENIN, CUBA, NICARAGUA, ROMANIA, US), WITH CHINA AMONG THOSE ABSENT; I B, APPROVING INCOME ESTIMATES OF \$118,292,300 -- WITHOUT VOTE; I C, ON FINANCING THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976 -- 119(US)-9(BLOC)-3(BENIN, CUBA, ROMANIA). DRAFT RESOLUTION I AS A WHOLE WAS THEN ADOPTED 116-9(BLOC)-5(BENIN, CUBA, NICARAGUA, ROMANIA, US), WITH CHINA AMONG THOSE ABSENT. RESOLUTION II, SETTING OUT THE PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING UNFORESEEN AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES FOR 1976-77, WAS ADOPTED 121(US)-9(BLOC)-3(BENIN, CUBA, ROMANIA). RESOLUTION III, ESTABLISHING THE LEVEL OF THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND AT \$40 MILLION DURING 1976 AND 1977, AS IN PAST YEARS, WAS ADOPTED 119(US)-0-13(BLOC, BENIN, INDONESIA). IN ADDITION, THE GA TOOK NOTE OF CERTAIN PARTS OF THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

-- CLOSING STATEMENTS --

IN THE CUSTOMARY STATEMENTS MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE 30TH GA, ESSONGHE (GABON), SPEAKING FOR AFRICAN STATES, DECLARED THAT THE SESSION HAD PROVED TO BE TURBULENT BUT TRUTHFUL. HE PRAISED AFRICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GA, AVOWING THAT THIS DISPROVED THE MALICIOUS LEGEND THAT AFRICANS WOULD BE PART OF A SYSTEMATIC AND AUTOMATIC MAJORITY. INSTEAD, THEY HAD SHOWN DISCERNMENT AND WERE FAR FROM A FLOCK OF SHEEP. AKHUND (PAKISTAN), SPEAKING FOR ASIAN STATES, NOTED THE CONTRAST DRAWN BETWEEN THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE GA, BUT REMARKED THAT IN THE AFFAIRS OF STATES "THERE WILL ALWAYS BE UPS AND DOWNS." THERE IS "NO MONOPOLY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS OR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS." THE SCEPTICISM TOWARD THE UN VOICED TODAY SHOULD MORE PROPERLY BE DIRECTED TO MEMBER STATES WHICH FAIL TO LIVE UP TO THE CHARTER. DATCU (ROMANIA), ON BEHALF OF THE BLOC, TERMED THE UN THE MOST SUITABLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE BUILDING OF A BETTER AND MORE JUST WORLD AND PRAISED NEW UN INITIATIVES. THE GA MADE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE BY ADOPTING A SERIES OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

WALDRON-RAMSEY (BARBADOS), SPEAKING FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP, SAW A GLIMPSE OF LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL,
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BUT NOTED ERUPTIONS IN PARTS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE PASSAGE OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS. HE DOGGEDLY CRITICIZED THE "UNFRIENDLY, HOSTILE AND VICIOUS" NEWS MEDIA WHOSE ONLY CONCERN WAS TO HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFICULTIES AND HOLD UP DELS TO

RIDICULE AND CONTEMPT BY A "GUILLIBLE AND ILL-INFORMED PUBLIC." HOWEVER, THE UN HAD SURVIVED MANY ATTACKS IN ITS PAST AND WOULD, HE SAID, CONTINUE TO DO SO. JANKOWITSCH (AUSTRIA), SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF WEO'S, FELT THAT THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WAYS OF BRINGING TOGETHER THOSE WHO HAD STRAYED TOO FAR APART IN PAST MONTHS; YET THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN THE CONVICTION THAT THERE WAS NO BETTER FORUM THAN THE ASSEMBLY TO EXPRESS IDEAS OF ALL. REYES, (PHILIPPINES) ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN STATES (ASEAN), STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN, OVER-ALL, A REWARDING SESSION WITH NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CITING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (IWY) AND A WELCOME TREND TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER.

AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SAID IT WOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT THE USG CONSIDERED THAT THE 30TH SESSION HAD BEEN A "PROFOUND, EVEN ALARMING DISAPPOINTMENT." HE CONTRASTED IT WITH THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH WAS AN "EXHILARATING EXAMPLE" OF WHAT THE GA COULD ACCOMPLISH. ASKING WHETHER ANYTHING COULD BE LEARNED FROM THOSE TWO SESSIONS, HE SAID THE GA HAD BEEN TRYING TO PRETEND THAT IT WAS A PARLIAMENT, WHICH IT WAS NOT. RESOLUTIONS THAT CONDEMN, ACCUSE, ANATHEMATIZE, DID NOT BRING THE UN ANY NEARER TO AGREEMENT AND HAD THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE END OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WAS VERY CONSIDERABLE -- THE UN HAD SERVED AS A SETTING FOR REACHING CONSENSUS. MOST OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN THE GA WERE NOT GOVERNED BY CONSENT, HE STATED. ASSEMBLIES FOR THEM, AND FOR THEIR PEOPLES, WERE PLACES IN WHICH DECREES WERE ANNOUNCED. IN HOW MANY OF THE 144 MEMBERS OF THE UN WAS THERE A REPRESENTATIVE BODY WHICH BOTH HAD THE POWER, AND PERIODICALLY EXERCISED THE POWER, OF REJECTING A DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT? HE ASKED. THE USG DID NOT EXPECT A REVERSAL OF THE DECLINE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE NEAR TERM. WHAT IT DID HOPE TO SEE AND ENCOURAGE WERE MORE SOCIETIES WHICH WOULD DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT SOME CIVIL RIGHTS EVEN IF THEY DENIED

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MOST POLITICAL RIGHTS. THE US THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HAVE GREATER UNDERSTANDING AMONG MEMBERS OF THE NATURE OF A REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTION AND THE CORRESPONDING LIMITS OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE US DELEGATION WOULD CONCENTRATE ON REAL POSSIBILITIES.

MOYNIHAN SUGGESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS" WITHIN THE GA. THIS WOULD BE A GROUP OF NATIONS, CONSTITUTED ALONG THE LINES OF THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, WHICH WOULD ATTEND NOT SO MUCH TO POLICY ISSUES AS TO INSTITUTIONAL ONES. HE THOUGHT THE MOST

IMPORTANT THING THE UN COULD DO WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH "SOME MINIMAL INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS BY WHICH GOVERNMENTS TREAT THEIR SUBJECTS." PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAD BEEN MADE AT THIS GA, SPECIFICALLY WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AGAINST TORTURE. THE US RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL, BUT THE US DELEGATION WILL BE BACK NEXT YEAR, HE SAID, BEFORE REFERRING TO SAKHAROV'S STATEMENT THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR A GENERAL POLITICAL AMNESTY IS THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA) THEN TOOK THE FLOOR TO PROPOSE, AS HE SAID, THE LAST RESOLUTION OF THE 30TH SESSION, WHICH, INTER ALIA, DECIDED THAT THE 30TH GA PRESIDENT MERITED APPLAUSE, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE SYG, REGRETTED DEPARTURE OF USYG MORSE TO ASSUME OTHER DUTIES, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT, FORGAVE AMB MOYNIHAN FOR ANY MISCONCEPTIONS HE FORMED ABOUT THE UN, AND, FOLLOWING NINE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS, CONCLUDED WITH LONG LIVE THE UN.

-- PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT --

PRESIDENT THORN REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANT DECLARATION AGAINST TORTURE AND TO RECOGNITION GIVEN WOMEN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY; HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE REAL BATTLE TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS HAD JUST BEGUN. SPEAKING OF SOME MOVEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HE CALLED THE SINAI AGREEMENT A SMALL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HE HOPED THE COMING DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT STEER CLEAR OF THE ROCKS OF PASSION AND HATRED AND TURN TOWARD RECONCILIATION. THE REASON UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR LACK OF RESULTS IN THE PAST MUST BE SOUGHT IN THE LACK OF REALISM OF SOME PARTIES AND THE OBSTINACY OF OTHERS.

SO MANY CHANGES HAD TAKNE PLACE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN AND THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS IT FACED AND THE WORLD IN WHICH IT FUNCTIONED, THAT NO ONE COULD DOUBT THE URGENT NEED TO REFORM AND READAPT THE UN'S WORK METHODS, THORN SAID. HE SUGGESTED THAT BETWEEN GA SESSIONS A GROUP OF EXPERTS MAKE A COMPLETELY OBJECTIVE STUDY OF THE WAY IN WHICH DISCUSSIONS ARE ORGANIZED, DRAW UP CONCLUSIONS, AND PUT THOSE CONCLUSIONS INTO PRACTICE.

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HE WAS DISMAYED THAT THE GA HAD ALMOST NO RULES OF

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PROCEDURE AND HAD LITTLE OR NO RESPECT FOR THE RULES IT

DID HAVE. HE WAS "HORRIFIED" TO SEE WITH WHAT ABANDON DELEGATIONS WERE FALLING INTO THE EXCESSES OF ASSEMBLY SITUATIONS IN WHICH RIGID AND PRECONCEIVED POSITIONS CONFRONTED EACH OTHER, IN WHICH RHETORIC PREVAILED OVER ARGUMENT, AND IN WHICH VOTES FINALLY DID NOTHING BUT ESTABLISH MORE FIRMLY THE CLEAVAGE EXISTING BEFORE THE VOTING. HE THOUGHT THE ADOPTION OF COMPLETELY CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS WAS DANGEROUS, AND ASKED WHY THERE SHOULD BE NEARLY 20 RESOLUTIONS ON DISARMAMENT AND SOME HALF DOZEN ON THE MIDDLE EAST. MORE DISCIPLINE WAS NEEDED IN THE PLANNING OF THE GA'S WORK AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISCUSSIONS, THORN STATED. IT WAS TIME FOR THE GA TO ADOPT RULES WHICH REFLECTED ITS NEW MISSION. HE DID NOT THINK THE UN HAD BECOME USELESS OR HARMFUL BECAUSE THE OLD MAJORITY HAD BEEN REPLACED BY A NEW ONE; BOTH WOULD BE JUDGED EXCLUSIVELY ON THEIR PERFORMANCES.

THORN URGED AVOIDANCE OF REPETITION OF WIDELY KNOWN POSITIONS AND PARALLELISM BETWEEN MONOLOGUES WHICH CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TO THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS DUPLICATION BETWEEN WORK OF THE COMMITTEES AND THE PLENARY. IF THE UN WAS TO HAVE ANY REAL IMPACT, ALL MUST ENGAGE RESOLUTELY IN A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, THE PRESIDENT DECLARED. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP NEW CONSULTATION PROCEDURES, AND FORM MORE NEGOTIATING GROUPS TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND TO SEEK BASIS FOR COMPROMISES WHICH COULD THEN BE SUBMITTED FOR GENERAL APPROVAL. IN THORN'S VIEW, ONLY A MORE SYSTEMATIC SEARCH FOR A GENUINE CONSENSUS OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES COULD CONFER ON THE UN THAT ESSENTIAL MORAL AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD LEND ITS RESOLUTIONS THAT MANDATORY FORCE WHICH THEY COULD NOT HAVE IN LAW. THE KEY TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UN AND TO THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH IT COULD AND MUST MAKE TO THE WELL-BEING OF MANKIND LAY IN THE COMBINATION OF A SOUND WORKING METHOD AND A GENUINE POLITICAL WILL, PRESIDENT THORN STATED.

STATISTICS ON 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY --

IN NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, THE
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UN GAVE STATISTICS CONCERNING THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WHICH INCLUDED: 534 MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD THIS SESSION COMPARED TO 515 IN 1974; 223 HOURS HAD BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF STARTING MEETINGS LATE COMPARED TO 199 HOURS IN 1974; 27,569 PAGES OF DOCUMENTATION HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS SESSION COMPARED TO 24,259 LAST YEAR.

COMMITTEE 5 --

COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS WORK FOR THE SESSION DEC. 17 AFTER APPROVING PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1976-77 OF \$745,813,800 AND BUDGET AND PROGRAM OF PERFORMANCE FOR 1974-75. STATEMENTS WERE MADE ON BEHALF OF REGIONAL GROUPS, AND BY US (STOTTLEMYER) AS HOST COUNTRY, ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND COMMITTEE 5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO).

THE DRAFT REPORT ON BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE OF UN FOR 1974-75 CONTAINED TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WHICH WERE APPROVED: "A", 69(US, ROMANIA)-10(SOVIET BLOC, CUBA)-0, AND "B", 80-0-0. THE REPORT AS A WHOLE WAS ADOPTED 70(US, ROMANIA)-10(SOVIET BLOC, CUBA)-0.

THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1976-77 AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1976-79 (L.1290/ADD. 1) WAS ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS: PART I (CONTAINING DECISIONS) ON "NO OBJECTION" BASIS. PART II: RESOLUTION I, "A" (BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976-77) -- 83-8(SOVIET BLOC)-3(US, CUBA, ROMANIA); "B" (INCOME ESTIMATES FOR 1976-77) -- UNANIMOUSLY; "C" (FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976) -- 84(US)-9(SOVIET BLOC)-2(ROMANIA, CUBA). RESOLUTION I AS A WHOLE WAS THEN ADOPTED 83-9(SOVIET BLOC)-3(US, ROMANIA, CUBA). RESOLUTION II (UNFORESEEN AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES FOR 1976-77) -- 85(US)-9(SOVIET BLOC)-2(ROMANIA, CUBA). RESOLUTION III (WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR 1976-77) -- 87(US)-0-11(SOVIET BLOC, CUBA).

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A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN ON DECEMBER 17. IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, HE CONDEMNED THE SOUTH AFRICAN "INVASION" OF ANGOLA AND CALLED ON ALL "FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" TO DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN AND ZAIREAN TROOPS. HE ALSO CHARGED THAT US MERCENARIES ARE WORKING ON THE SIDE OF FNLA AND UNITA. MPLA REPRESENTS THE MAJORITY OF ANGOLANS, IS NON-ALIGNED AND INDEPENDENT, AND EXPECTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS AS LONG AS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE ARE RESPECTED. DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD DE FIGUEIREDO CLAIMED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 37-40 COUNTRIES. USSR AND CUBA ARE SIMPLY IN ANGOLA "LIKE MANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS," AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SWEDEN, NORWAY AND DENMARK, HAVE HELPED MPLA FOR 14 YEARS. MPLA, HE CONTINUED, WILL REVEAL 25-50 CAPTURED SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, ALONG WITH PORTUGUESE,

TO THE PRESS IN LUANDA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 11,200 ZAIREAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA, 4,000 SOUTH AFRICAN REGULARS AND 2500 OTHERS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA.

ASKED BY A GDR NEWS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT ALL THE "NOISE" AMB MOYNIHAN HAD MADE AGAINST THE USSR, AND CIA SUPPORT IN ANGOLA, DE FIGUEIREDO REPLIED THAT CIA INVOLVEMENT IS MUCH MORE THAN \$150 MILLION TO FNLA AND UNITA, THROUGH ZAIRE. THERE ARE AMERICAN ADVISERS IN ZAIRE, BUT NOT IN ANGOLA. "WE HAVE NOT CAPTURED ANY US MILITARY MEN," ALTHOUGH AMERICAN MERCENARIES ARE FIGHTING WITH THE OTHER SIDE. WHEN ASKED HOW MANY US MILITARY MIGHT BE IN ZAIRE, DE FIGUEIREDO SAID TO ASK AMB. MOYNIHAN. CHINA (PRC) HAS GIVEN FNLA/UNITA SOME HELP IN TRAINING AND GATHERING ARMS, BUT DE FIGUEIREDO DID NOT KNOW IF IT WAS STILL DOING SO. MPLA WOULD ENDORSE A PLEA BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR AN EMBARGO ON FOREIGN ARMS AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS, INCLUDING CUBANS AND SOVIETS. HE WISHED THE MPLA HAD THE 3000 TO 4000 CUBAN MILITARY RUMORED, BUT AVOWED THAT MOST CUBANS WERE ONLY THERE IN A TRAINING CAPACITY.

CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO PROTEST SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION, HE HOPED THAT ALL NATIONS WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY ON SUCH A MOVE IF IT BECAME NECESSARY. UNCLASSIFIED

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ANGOLA WILL APPLY FOR UN MEMBERSHIP "IN THE NEAR FUTURE." MPLA NOW HOLDS OVER OF ANGOLA: PRIOR TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN "INVASION" IF HELD TWO-THIRDS. SIXTEEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA. HE ALSO CONDEMNED CORE'S EFFORTS TO RECRUIT A PEACEKEEPING FORCE. MPLA WILL CONSIDER WHATEVER SOLUTION IS PROPOSED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU), BUT THE OAU MUST CONDEMN AND RID ANGOLA OF SOUTH AFRICA FIRST. MPLA WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER GROUPS UNTIL ALL SOUTH AFRICANS LEAVE. THEN, "THERE MIGHT BE A CLIMATE IN WHICH WE MIGHT DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS REGARDING THE DESTINY OF ANGOLA." DE FIGUEIREDO DID NOT THINK THAT AMB MOYNIHAN UNDERSTOOD ANGOLA'S PROBLEM. MPLA DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE USSR IS COLONIZING-- THAT WILL NOT BE SO. MPLA IS NOBODY'S PUPPET AND WISHED GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL, INCLUDING THE US, "AS LONG AS IT RESPECTS IT." (OURTEL 6890) MOYNIHAN

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